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Pontotoc District • Seat 3



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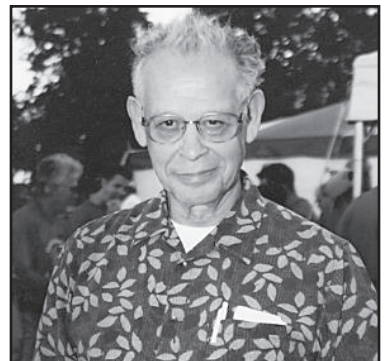
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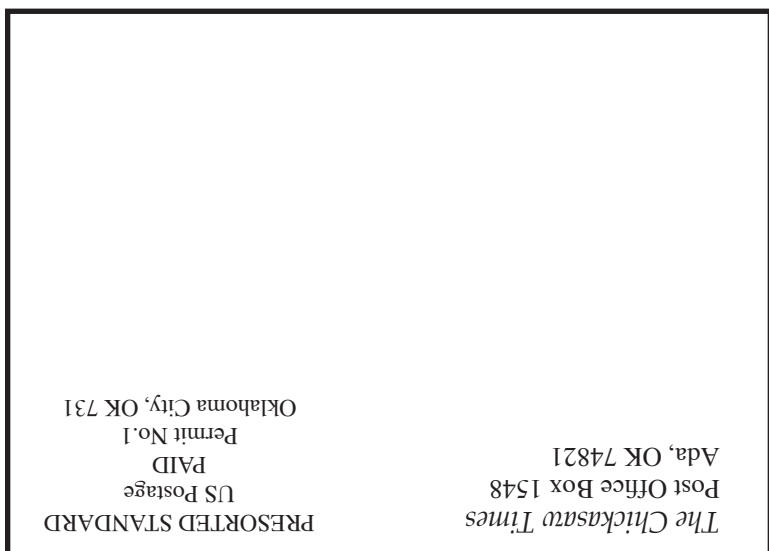
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Chickasaw Nation announces special election candidates

Filing period for Special Election, ended October 13, 2006. Chickasaw Nation Election Commission announces that 13 candidates are seeking Legislative Seat 3, Pontotoc District in the Chickasaw Nation.

On September 20, 2006 the Chickasaw Tribal legislature, seated in session, declared that

a vacancy created an emergency (due to the death of Pontotoc District legislator Mooniene Ogee) and asked the Governor Bill Anoatubby to call a special election.

Those filing for the vacant seat include Melvin Burris, Stone-wall; Robert Perry, Ada; Jeannie Lunsford, Stratford; Dr. Debra

Vaughn, Purcell; Russ Stick, Ada; Nancy Elliott, Ada; Katie Case, Ada; Kay Colbert-Hall, Ada; Carolyn Hill Nimmo, Ada; Matthew Morgan, Ada; Norma Jean Cravatt-Prince, Pontotoc; Patricia A. Greenwood Cox, Ada; and Heath Allison, Ada.

Registered Chickasaw voters in the Pontotoc District will

be voting by absentee ballot. Ballots must be returned to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission no later than 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday November 14, 2006.

The Chickasaw Election Commission shall conduct and supervise the ballot counting at the Chickasaw Community Center

located in a Ada on November 14, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Results of the Special Election shall be announced the same day.

For information, contact Rita Loder, election secretary, at 1-888-661-0137

Complete your ballot properly - make your vote count!

Do you know the correct way to complete your election ballot? There is such a procedure in assuring that your vote will be counted in this special legislative election. Failure to correctly complete your ballot can result in your vote being ruled "invalid" by the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission.

Here are some helpful reminders when casting your vote.

1. Complete the arrow, using a No. 2 pencil or black ink pen. Ballots are tabulated by Scantron, which recognizes pencil or black ink. Do not circle, check or underline the candidates' names.

2. Sign your signature on the outside ballot envelope exactly as it reads, using a blue or black ink pen. Be sure to write your signature in cursive. Do not print. Notice: A hole is punched in the envelope to verify the ballot was inserted.

3. The bar code that appears on the outside envelope is for tabulating purposes only and is not to be written anywhere on the ballot or envelope.

4. Do not put more than one ballot in the inner envelope. Although there may be several voters in a household, no ballots will be counted if all ballots are mailed in one envelope.

5. Complete and mail your ballot as soon as you receive it so it will reach the Ada Post Office by Tuesday, November 14, 2006, the last day the ballots will be received. Ballots are mailed to all qualified voters on October 23, 2006. Voters have approximately three weeks to mail back their ballots. The ballots will go to the post office in Oklahoma City prior to the Ada Post Office. It will take at least three days before the ballots actually arrive in Ada. Do not wait until the weekend before the deadline to mail your ballot. Doing so may cause it to be late.

6. Make sure that your ballot

is not soiled or scribbled on. It must be legible.

7. Finally, vote! This is your privilege, so use it. Ballots will remain in the Ada Post Office until they are picked up by the Election Commissioners on ballot counting day, November 14, 2006.

If you have questions regard-

ing your voter registration, completing your ballot, or, if you do not receive your ballot, please contact Rita Loder, election secretary at the Election Commission office, (580) 310-6475 or 1-888-661-0137.

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Editor's note: This special edition of the *Chickasaw Times* is an election issue. It contains the announcements and photographs of all candidates. Biographical sketches and personal messages in this issue were submitted by the candidates.

William Perry Heath Allison



Name of candidate: William Perry Heath Allison

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, seat 3

Background information: Heath Allison was born March 6, 1972 at Ada, Okla., to Don and Monnie Allison. Heath was raised and now lives on the original allotted land from his great-great-grandmother, Alice "Keel" Allison. His great-grandparents are Calvin and Norma Allison. His grandparents are Perry and Lillian Allison and

James "Red" and Lois Ryhnes. He has one brother, James Chad Allison, of Dallas. He has lived in the Ada area most of his life. He graduated from Byng High School in 1990 and soon after joined the U.S. Army and served a four-year term in Germany. He served with the Army's 8th Infantry, 1st and 3rd Armored Division as a Cavalry Scout. He was honorably discharged as a disabled veteran. Upon returning to Ada, he attended East Central University to pursue a degree in cartography. He worked at Pre-Paid Legal Services as a customer service supervisor and later was employed with the Chickasaw Nation. With the Chickasaw Nation he was the first manager of the C-Store, tobacco and gaming for the Ada Travel Stop. He then transferred to Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing (CNDH) to become their new customer service manager. As a concerned Chickasaw and an employee at CNDH he was active with various programs and activities including: working with the Chickasaw Nation Youth

Services Scholarships, served on the National Native American Heritage Month Event in Oklahoma City, attended all community councils, senior sites and regional offices offering assistance and programs from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing, worked on the Fire and Safety Poster Contest for all Native American Children living in mutual homes, assisted and organized the clean up of the ice storm damage, helped implement the storm shelter program for mutual help homes, attended monthly Chickasaw Legislative meetings and took minutes for CNDH.

He is presently a local businessman who has been investing in real estate in the Ada and Texoma areas and he is manager of Covington Credit and Tax in Ada.

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Allison is a devoted husband and father and attends Lovelady Baptist Church.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature: Mr. Allison will be a

strong advocate for health care programs, senior citizens programs, educational programs, and nutrition and wellness programs for all Chickasaws. He would like to see our housing programs continue to grow. He supports continued expansion of our tribal economic development projects and expansion of our land base. He is also very much in favor of a long-term care facility for the Chickasaw elders. He is a strong supporter of educational programs such as one on one tutoring for those in need. He would like to see a new program implemented for Chickasaws who have the desire to be apprenticed into a technical skill such as a licensed plumber and electrician. There are several jobs out there that a person without a college or vocational background can be apprenticed into and make a very good living. Chickasaw citizens receiving hunting and fishing licenses is also an idea he hopes to implement. He would like to see more programs implemented for the citizens living outside our

boundaries. He would like to see raises for every Chickasaw who is a manager or below. He would like to see more preschool/daycare programs that are not government funded in order to allow more Chickasaw children immediate access.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Allison has been married to Tracy Lee Allison for fifteen wonderful years. "Tracy is my best friend, my companion and wife." She is a fourth grade school teacher and has been teaching at Byng for seven years. They have two children, Tristan James Allison, known as "Bubba" and Daryn Lee Allison. Tristan, 9, is the oldest of the two. Tristan is his number 1 playmate, "he could out fish anyone including me." Tristan attends Francis Early Childhood Center and is on the Governor's Honor Roll. Daryn, 4, also likes to fish with her dad and Bubba. She successfully finished her first year in tap and

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Melvin Burris



Melvin Burris

provide for his family. An Oklahoma Police Academy graduate, he worked on the Police force at Coalgate, Okla. Along the way, he became a well-known local farrier, earning his certificate from the Oklahoma State Horseshoeing School. He also worked security for the Chickasaw Nation. He made sure his boys were involved in school and enriching outside activities. Adam, 22, recently graduated from Seminole (OK) State College, Josh, 20, is entering Murray State College. Mr. Burris served as a legislator from 2002 to 2005.

Mr. Burris is 53 and a life-long resident of Pontotoc District. His son Adam and his wife, April, live at Allen, Okla. His son Josh, will attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla.

Mr. Burris is the son of Mrs. Sebens Burris of Ada, Okla. He is the grandson of the late Willie D. Burris Stick and the great-grandson of full-blood Chickasaw and original enrollee

Elminy Porter Stick.

Educational background: Mr. Burris graduated from Tupelo (OK) High School in 1972. That same year he entered the U.S. Army National Guard where he served for eight years. Leaving the service as an E-6. He is a 1975 graduate of the Oklahoma Police Academy and a 1985 graduate of the Oklahoma State School of Horseshoeing.

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Burris supports the fire department with fishing tournaments.

Awards and honors: Mr. Burris' awards and honors include 2003 Non-Mason Award from the Allen Community; 2004 Johnson Chapel United Methodist Church for work and dedication; 2004 Appreciation for support of the Allen baseball team; 2004 Mustang Award from Allen Board of Education; 2004 dedication and service from Allen Chamber of Com-

merce; 2004 the Allen baseball and residents of Allen, Okla., named the baseball field Melvin Burris Baseball Field.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: Melvin believes in: Jobs. He supports a job training center for Chickasaws and good jobs for Chickasaws, both within the tribe and outside. Healthcare. I support top quality health care. He has supported increased funding for Chickasaw specific medical programs. Elder Care. Good programs for Chickasaw elders are a priority for me. I support senior sites and proposes nursing centers for Chickasaws. Education. I served on the legislative education committee and have supported funding increases in scholarships and clothing grants for Chickasaw students.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Burris has two sons, Adam and Josh.

Personal message to the

Chickasaw people: Dear Fellow Chickasaw,

Thank you for the support in the past. I am asking for your vote! You will soon be receiving your ballot and I ask that you vote for me, Melvin Burris, as your legislator. Your vote is very important!

You know by reading this information that I consider it my main job to help Chickasaw people however I can. As your tribal legislator, I will always work for you and help you whenever you need me.

I am a supporter of jobs for Chickasaws, quality health care, elder programs and education for our Chickasaw students. I will be true to these programs our tribe is strong. I will bring that strength to you and your family. Remember, vote for Burris!

Katie Case



Katie Case

of science degree in education from East Central State University.

Civic and/or community activities: Mrs. Case serves on the Research and Review Committee at Carl Albert Hospital. She is also an active member of the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility Volunteer Auxiliary.

Mrs. Case is a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Ada, Oklahoma where she serves on various mission teams.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: The Chickasaw Nation is economically stronger now than at any other time in our history. As we allocate resources, it will serve our people well to have a legislator who has roots in and understands our past, is active in our present and committed to preparing for our future.

I pledge to be a catalyst for and proponent of initiatives to support families, economic and community development, strong Chickasaw businesses, education for all who want to better themselves, real and meaningful elder care and service to all Chickasaws wherever they live.

Name of spouse and chil-

dren: Mrs. Case is married to Wayne Case. They have a son, Jeff Case and daughter-in-law, Doty, three granddaughters, Erin, Kelli and Rhyann, a daughter, Shawna Jackson, a son-in-law J. D. and two grandsons, Derrick and Ethan.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: To serve you, as your legislator, will be incredibly gratifying and deeply humbling at the same time.

If you will show your faith in me by voting for me, I will

devote my time and energies to treating the responsibilities and duties of this office like the full-time job they are.

I will be your full-time and accessible legislator, whether you live inside or outside the recognized boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation.

My campaign is and my legislative service will be a focus on family, community and the future. As my grandfather, Intolubby Underwood, would sometimes smile and say, "You

know, all Chickasaws are cousins." In other words, we're all family.

If we do what it takes to take care of our young and our elders, we will be doing what it takes to ensure our future. Our youth represent our future. The collective experiences of our elders are our guiding light, and we need both to make the most of our tavel into the future.

Thank you for your friendship, your support and your vote!

Name of candidate: Katie Case

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 3

Background information: Mrs. Case is the granddaughter Intolubby "Clarence" Underwood, an original enrollee of the Dawes Commission. She is the daughter of Hurshlee "Cricket" Underwood Carter.

Mrs. Case has 26 years of public education experience teaching grade levels kindergarten through eighth.

Educational background: Mrs. Case received her bachelor

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission and election secretary encourage all registered Chickasaws to cast their votes for the candidate of their choice.

As a citizen and eligible voter of the Chickasaw Nation, you have the honor to cast your vote for your tribal leaders. Cast your vote and return your absentee ballot in the prepaid envelope supplied in your ballot packet.

• Cast your vote for the can-

didate of your choice.

- Place ballot in the inner envelope.
- Place inner envelope in "outer" envelope.
- Sign your name where indicated on "outer" envelope.
- Place your ballot in the mail.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You MUST sign your name as it appears on the addressed enveloped, or your vote WILL NOT BE COUNTED. Your signature has been scanned in the voter database

as it appears on your voter application. Your signature on the outer envelope is compared to your signature on the voter database to confirm its validity. The election commission and election secretary verify your signature during ballot counting.

No one knows how you vote.

Remember to return your ballots early, giving ample time to reach the election commission's post office box before the deadline.

Exercise your right to vote!

Patricia A. Greenwood Cox



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Name of Candidate: Patricia A. Greenwood Cox

Position Candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislature

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 3

Background information: A descendent of original enrollees Jefferson Greenwood and Annie Holden Factor (Roll # 1966) I am the daughter of Geraldine Factor Greenwood and the late Virgil Jackson Greenwood. I lived on our original family's allotment as a child and moved to Ada, Oklahoma at five years

old. I also lived several years in Mississippi on Chickasaw Sacred Grounds. I am the eldest of nine children, my family are traditional performers. I am an educator of the Chickasaw language and fluent speaker. I have been employed with the Chickasaw Nation as Language Revitalization Specialist. I spent three years as a manager of the Ada Chickasaw Senior Citizens Nutrition site, and the Community Health Representative (CHR/EMS) program coordinator for fifteen years. I assisted in getting the first ambulance in the Emergency Medical Services program. While in Mississippi, I was employed as the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Liaison.

Educational background:

I graduated from Latta High School in Ada, Oklahoma and attended East Central University, and attended Itawamba Community College in Tupelo, Mississippi. Licensed in Oklahoma as a Emergency Medical Technician, certified CPR and First Aid instructor in 1987. Assistant Chickasaw language instructor in the Clemente 1 course at East Central Uni-

versity in 2003. Also attended Clemente Course 1 and 11. I attended the Chickasaw Revitalization Course at Murray State College in 2004, at Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

Presented Chickasaw History to new employees orientation in 2000. Taught the Chickasaw language in Ada, Pauls Valley Senior site, Sulphur, and Connersville Senior site.

Civic and/or community activities:

I am currently the President of the Ada Chickasaw Community Council. A volunteer for the Ada Chickasaw Senior Citizens. I was featured in the Cultural video "Remember." Former president of the Oklahoma Native American Emergency Medical Technicians Association, also a member of the Pontotoc County Transportation Advisory Board. I developed several Chickasaw cultural festivals, which resulted in declaring May as Native American month in Tupelo, Mississippi. I assisted the Tippah county museum in developing a Chickasaw room, in Ripley, Mississippi.

I regularly attend Ada First Indian Baptist Church and hold the

position as church clerk. I love going to all Indian singings,

Goal as member of the Chickasaw Legislature:

As your Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, I shall be open minded to achieve and promote the welfare of our people through increased education, health care, housing, and employment. Promote our Cultural Preservation: our children and grandchildren must learn our traditions. Our language is on the verge of extinction. Support our vast economic development projects. We still need to keep culture. Continue to promote Senior Citizens Services: the assisted living program, the prescription program for those Chickasaws outside our boundaries. Develop a Mrs. Senior Citizens Representative for Chickasaw Nation. Support the Sick Child Day Care program, this is a working parents need. Chickasaws need their own training center, to train Chickasaw people to work their own tribal programs and business. Create term limits for legislatures.

Name of spouse and children:

Mrs. Greenwood-Cox is mar-

ried to Jimmy Dale Cox, he is retired from the railroad. She has two beautiful daughters, Kimberly Abbott and Teeoti and her husband Steve Littlefield, and five wonderful grandchildren; Colbi Shea Howard, Sydney Elia Abbott, Shannon Virgil Littlefield, Laurice Littlefield and Gracie Littlefield. Colbi was a cheerleader for Ada High and Laurice is a cheerleader for Roff School.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People:

I am proud to belong to a tribe called Chickasaw, therefore I emphasize to the Chickasaw people that I have heard your views, which will best serve the needs of Chickasaws and will strive to be fair and honorable as your legislator. I will always remember that it is the Chickasaw people that I shall serve as a legislator in Pontotoc District, Seat 3. I will keep you, the Senior Citizens informed. CHICKASAWS, exercise your right to VOTE, "A wise vote is a wise choice." Vote for Patricia A. Greenwood Cox. It is good to be Chickasaw.

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Nancy Elliott



Nancy Elliott

Name of candidate: Nancy Elliott

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, seat 3

Background information: Mrs. Elliott was born in Duncan, Okla., to Willis B. and Leona B. Brown Barrick. She is the great-granddaughter of Charles A. Brown and the granddaughter of Nathaniel T. Brown, original enrollees. She has one brother and four sisters. She has lived in Ada, Okla., for the last 27

years. She is a teacher with the Ada City School System and has taught elementary education for 23 years.

Educational background:

Mrs. Elliott attended schools in Velma, Lindsay and Oklahoma City. She graduated from Putnam City High School in 1967. She completed her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1983. She minored in special education and completed her master's degree in learning disabilities in 1988.

Civic and/or community activities:

She served as a volunteer Girl Scout Leader for two troupes for 10 years, while her children were growing up. She has been actively involved with her church and has taught in Sunday School for many years. She is currently teaching the fifth and sixth grade girls class.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature:

I want to be a legislator because I would like to do my part as a Chickasaw to make a differ-

ence. I have been very blessed in my lifetime to have been able to have a wonderful family. All of my adult life has been about strengthening and helping families. Through my teaching career, my Girl Scout leadership years, being a band parent and a football mom, and my involvement teaching Sunday School, I have always tried to do my part to help families become healthier. Now that my own children are grown, I have more time to invest in helping others. I hope through my experiences, I can make a contribution. I want to see the Chickasaw Nation continue to create quality jobs for the Chickasaw people. I would like to see the Chickasaw Nation continue to diversify by investing in a variety of businesses, which will not only create new jobs, but will also generate more capital to finance more and more services for the Chickasaw people to improve their quality of life. Many Chickasaws live outside the Chickasaw Nation

boundaries and do not have access to many programs and services. I would like to see online, family education programs and access to youth and family counseling services established through a 1-800 call in number. I would like to see continued and increased emphasis placed on strengthening the family unit inside and outside the Chickasaw Nation. Services geared to making all families healthier; physically, mentally, and emotionally, should be expanded.

Name of spouse and children:

I was married for 36 years to Robbie Elliott, who worked with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. My husband passed away two years ago. We raised three wonderful children, Nathan, Robyn, and Rachel. I now have a wonderful daughter-in-law, Christie, and a wonderful son-in-law, Ryan Kent. I also have three beautiful granddaughters, Mikaela, Mackenzie and Reagan.

Personal message to the

Chickasaw People: *I will work hard for the Chickasaw People. I have many years of experience working for family values. I know what it is like to struggle financially to meet the needs of a family. Families are fighting an uphill battle to meet basic needs and raise children in today's economy. I will work towards doing all I can to help make their jobs easier. For those Chickasaws living outside the Nation's boundaries, I will advocate and be a voice for you. A lot of my family lives in Oklahoma City, Texas and California. I personally know the needs of those living outside the boundaries, who do not have easy access to many of our wonderful programs and services. We live in a very exciting time. There is no limit to what we can do to improve the quality of life for the Chickasaw people. Working together, we can strengthen families and create a fantastic future for our children and grandchildren.*

Kay Colbert-Hall



Kay Colbert-Hall

Name of candidate: Kay Colbert-Hall

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, seat 3

Background information: Kay Colbert-Hall, 1/4 Chickasaw, was born in Ada, Okla., in 1959. She's a descendant of Major James Colbert, one of six sons of James Logan Colbert, the progenitor of the Chickasaw Colbert family. Her immediate Chickasaw lineage includes her half-blood father William Carl Colbert, full-blood grandfather Joshua Colbert and full-blood great-grandfather Edmon Colbert and her original enrollee full-blood Chickasaw great-great-great-grandmother

Ahlitchta Lewis.

After graduating from Allen High School, 1978, she served a combined six years military service in both the Oklahoma and South Carolina National Guards. Included was a one-year full-time active Army status while working at the South Carolina National Guard Headquarters in Columbia, South Carolina, serving as aide to the Adjutant General. She was a member of the honor guard's firing detail honoring military veterans. She holds an honorable discharge and Letter of Commendation.

She was appointed by Governor Bill Anoatubby to serve on his staff as the first press secretary to the governor of the Chickasaw Nation. In eight years she facilitated positive media support for governor's administration and all Chickasaw Nation programs, services, businesses and cultural activities. As media advisor and official spokesperson for the Nation, she traveled, attended speaking engagements and managed the offices of press secretary, public affairs and the Chickasaw Times, working to deliver needed information to the Chickasaw people, outside

press, the public, and Indian country in general.

Her accomplishments include: Leading the tribal gas tax campaign at the state capitol; media crisis manager during the truck plaza closings; media coordinator for the reinterment of Chickasaw ancient remains in Tupelo, Miss.; conducting local, statewide and national press conferences on vital Chickasaw Nation issues; serving on a national inter-tribal public relations committee; and overseeing various publications featuring the Chickasaw Nation, its culture and people.

Mrs. Colbert-Hall is leading a team of Indian entrepreneurs and working with the state's Oklahoma Blood Institute to create a national Native American cord blood stem cell bank and registry. Native Americans have little chance today in finding a match, which means that lives will be saved once a Native American registry and bank is in place.

Her 15-year professional career started as a reporter covering city governments in Dade County, Florida for McGraw-Hill Inc. The last five years

she operated her own media consulting company providing public relations, marketing and advertising services to clients in areas of radio broadcasting, sporting arenas, auto dealerships, food shows, national business conferences, health care and community-wide events. Her event planning work was recognized with three community service awards for Take A Kid Fishing, Ada's Pat Taylor Memorial Christmas parade and Support Our Troops rally. She was selected to speak in Calgary, Canada on behalf of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma.

Educational background: In addition to her military education, her undergraduate work came from East Central University and the University of Miami where she majored in journalism and political science. She studied two years at Johnson & Wales University, Miami, Florida, in the field of culinary arts and holds titles of professional chocolatier, caterer, and food writer.

Civic and/or community activities: Chickasaw Search & Rescue/Dive Team Volun-

teer; Chickasaw Summer Youth Program Employer; Chickasaw Moccasin Trails Walking Club; American Red Cross Media Volunteer; Heart to Heart Int'l; American Indian Chamber of Commerce (AICCO); Native American Journalist Association (NAJA); Int'l Association of Culinary Professionals.

Awards and Honors: Oklahoma National Guard, Letter of Commendation; U.S. Army Honor Guard & Fire Team Detail Member; McGraw-Hill's Distinguished Editorial Achievement Award, 1992 Coverage of Hurricane Andrew; and three state-wide community service event recognition awards from the Oklahoma Broadcasters Association.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw legislature: It's my first priority to ensure that you and I talk on a regular basis. I'll never be the kind of legislator you only hear from at election time. I promise to be an excellent communicator and reach out to you, wherever you live, in whatever means necessary, by

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Jeannie Lunsford



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Name of candidate: Jeannie Lunsford

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 3

Background information: Ms. Lunsford is the daughter of Jess and Betty (Cheadle) Betts, and the granddaughter of Martin Van Buren Cheadle and Mary Cheadle roll #2698 and 2699. My grandfather Martin Cheadle

served on the last Chickasaw legislature prior to Oklahoma statehood. He served the Chickasaw Nation in many ways and was advisory to the last Chickasaw Governor Douglas Johnston prior to statehood. Her first name is Mary and she was named after her grandmother, Mary Cheadle. She has been employed with the Chickasaw Nation for the last 25 years. Ms. Lunsford feels she has carried out the work of her grandfather, working for the Chickasaw people. She worked for the Nation before it had any resources other than the federal dollars that were applied and received. Over the last 25 years, she has seen the Nation grow and better serve the Chickasaw people in health care, education, social services, housing, the food distribution program and other programs.

During these 25 years, she had the opportunity to serve the Chickasaw people in many ways also.

• She wrote and helped

implement the first senior citizens program funded from the Administration of Aging.

• She wrote and helped implement the first food distribution program funded from USDA.

• She wrote and helped implement the Indian child welfare.

• She wrote and helped implement the first Alcohol Program.

• She wrote the contract for the health clinics in Tishomingo and Ardmore all funded from the Indian Health Service.

These were all funded by federal dollars, and now we have grown and have tribal dollars to fund and supplement these ongoing programs.

Looking back on these years we have accomplished so many programs and services.

These programs have grown and developed into what we have today. I am proud to have been a part of these programs

and been able to see the Tribe grow and prosper with our Economic Enterprises. Now after serving our people for 25 years, I have resigned my position and want to be able to serve the Chickasaw people in another way.

Looking forward I think we will have the opportunity to accomplish even greater things.

Ms. Lunsford was born in Altus, Okla., and moved to a farm in eastern Garvin County, Stratford when she was three years of age, with her parents, three sisters and a brother. She grew up on this farm. She attended Stratford High School and attended East Central University for four years. During her employment with the Nation she had the opportunity to attend federal and private training programs to enhance her ability to provide service in accordance with tribal grants and contracts of the Chickasaw Nation.

• She wrote the first Title 9 proposal for the Strat-

ford School, and for many years worked in that program as well as the JOM program. The programs are still in existence, assisting the Indian children in the Stratford School System.

Civic and/or community activities: Ms. Lunsford has been a member of First Baptist Church in Stratford for 43 years. She is a volunteer with the National Indian Women's Health Resource Center for the last five years and a volunteer and work with the Breast and Cervical Cancer early detection program. She is a breast cancer survivor and will be working to help Indian women to learn about early detection and early signs of breast and cervical cancer. She was recently featured in and on the cover of *Native Women's Breast and Cervical Wellness*, magazine (Sept. 2006 issue), along with her daughter, Kelley

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Matthew L. Morgan



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Owens and Osborne and Nancy Roberts Harris and the grandson of Tom and Lora (Polly) Owens Morgan and RL (Dutch) Heck and Mary Harris Heck and the son of Doyle and Marilyn (Kay) Heck Morgan. He is 1/4 Chickasaw and 1/8 Choctaw and has resided in the Pontotoc District for 20 years.

Mr. Morgan has had the unique experience to assist and learn about the Chickasaw Nation in a variety of ways starting while still in high school as a summer youth worker assigned to the Governmental Service Department. Then, to help put himself through college, he worked in the Ambassador's Office in Washington, D.C., the Governor's Office, the Finance Department and the Northwest Regional Office located in Purcell. After law school, Mr. Morgan returned to the Chickasaw Nation to serve as an in-house attorney in both the Jus-

tice Department and the Office of the Gaming Commissioner. In his capacity as an in-house attorney for the Chickasaw Nation for the past five years, Mr. Morgan has had the opportunity to provide legal counsel and advice to every division within the executive department and had primary responsibility for self-governance matters, gaming regulatory matters, health law and policy issues, construction matters, government contracting, acquisition of property, and cultural repatriation issues.

Some of the highlights of Mr. Morgan's association with the Chickasaw Nation have been his:

- Participation in negotiations to re-establish the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department and the Chickasaw Nation District Court;

- Selection as member of the Chickasaw Nation repatriation committee;

- Participation in the implementation of the Chickasaw Nation's Tribal-State Gaming Compact;

- Selection to be a representative of the Chickasaw Nation at the opening ceremony of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC;

- Portrayal of Chickasaw Governor Cyrus Harris in "Leaders of the New Way," a one-act play celebrating the 1856 signing of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation; and

- Assistance to Chickasaw citizens impacted by the May 3, 1999 tornado that struck central Oklahoma.

In addition to his work with the Chickasaw Nation, Mr. Morgan has been very honored to serve as a page in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, as a congressional intern on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., as president of American

Indian Alumni Society of the University of Oklahoma, and as chair of the Chickasaw Bar Association.

Educational background: Mr. Morgan is a graduate of Byng High School and the University of Oklahoma where he obtained a Bachelor's of Business Administration degree with a minor in Native American Studies (Dean's Honor Roll, the Golden Key National Honor Society, American Indian Student Association & Native American Business Society) and a Juris Doctorate degree (Oklahoma State Regents Grant, the Chickasaw Nation Legal Professions Scholarship, Native American Law Students Association & American Indian Law Review).

Civic and/or community activities: Chickasaw His-

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Carolyn Hill Nimmo



Carolyn Hill Nimmo

Connerville, Okla. Many of her childhood days were spent in Mill Creek, Okla., where her family still owns its original allotment. Mrs. Nimmo began her career in education at Norman, Okla., where she taught in the Norman Public Schools from 1972 to 1977. Upon her return home, Mrs. Nimmo taught at East Central University from 1979 to 1986. After one year at Latta Public Schools, she began a long career with the Ada Public Schools, from which she retired in May of this year.

Educational background: Mrs. Nimmo attended Ada Public Schools, where she graduated with honors in 1969. After high school, Mrs. Nimmo attended East Central University where she graduated with honors with a bachelor of science degree in 1972. She awarded her master's degree in secondary education from East Central University in 1986.

Civic and/or community activities: Mrs. Nimmo has served on the board of directors of the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility; the Chickasaw Foundation Advisory Board; the Chickasaw Literacy Council; and the Education Scholarship Committee

of the Chickasaw Nation. She has served the youth of the Chickasaw Nation as a coach for the Native American Academic Team; the original participant in the development and implementation of the Governor's Honor Club (director 2000-2001); and director of the tennis camp. She is a member of Trinity Baptist Church. She is active in Kappa, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and summer youth programs.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: I view the tribe as composed of three distinct groups; the elders, who preserved our culture and identity without the benefits of healthcare, housing, and other programs offered today; the adults, who are raising their families today, and need the support that the tribe can offer in housing, jobs, childcare, training and education; and the children who are the future of the tribe, and need our love, nurture, and training. My goal is to support the mission of the Chickasaw Nation, to improve the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people. As a legislator, I can best achieve this goal by working hard to understand the needs of each of these groups and provid-

ing innovative, cost-effective approaches to meeting those needs. The greatest strength that I have to offer the Chickasaw Nation is my work ethic. I have always gone the extra mile for those that I serve. As a legislator, I will commit full time to the people I represent. I will not wait to hear about a need, I will seek out information from citizens to better understand what programs would be most meaningful to them. I will consult members of the tribe when issues that affect them are brought before the Legislature. My goal is to know all that I can about the impact of a piece of legislation before voting on it. No matter how hard I work, or how important I view the issues facing our citizens, little is possible without financial support for the programs of the tribe. The ability to provide that support can only be achieved if we are economically self-sufficient and legally sovereign. I support the diversity of our income sources to assure long-term economic self-sufficiency and the variety of job opportunities that diverse businesses offer to our citizens. We must be strong in our defense of sovereignty.

Without it, we risk a return to federal dependency and the failed policies of the past.

Name of spouse and children: Mrs. Nimmo has been married to David L. Nimmo for 34 years. They have two adult children, Michael Nimmo who resides in Denver, Colo., and Matthew Nimmo, a resident of Ocala, Fla.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: *My pride in the Chickasaw Nation is rooted in its history of overcoming challenges, the wisdom of its elders and the vision of its leadership. I am excited that retirement will give me an opportunity to bring my passion for the people of the Chickasaw Nation to a new level of involvement. As a full-time legislator, I will be able to broaden the places and means by which my service to the people of the Chickasaw Nation will bring progress and benefit.*

Please help me bring my pride, passion, and progressive approach to the legislature of the Chickasaw Nation.

I would be honored to have your trust, support, and vote for Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, Pontotoc District, Seat 3.

Name of candidate: Carolyn Hill Nimmo

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 3

Background information: Mrs. Nimmo is the great-great-granddaughter of Cyrus Harris, the first governor of the Chickasaw Nation. She is the granddaughter of Wes Clark and Hettie Harris Clark, and the daughter of Estelle Hill and the late Francis Hill. Mrs. Nimmo was born in Miami, Okla., where she resided on a ranch managed by her father in Grove, Okla. In her early childhood the family relocated to Ada where her father managed a ranch in

Robert Perry



Robert Perry

Name of candidate: Robert Perry

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, seat 3

Background information: Forty years ago at the Byng Annual Meeting, Robert Perry was elected by popular vote to the Chickasaw Advisory Council. He stayed on the Council as a

volunteer until the Constitution was first proposed (1978). For seven of 13 years on the Council, he drove from Houston for monthly meetings in Sulphur. The tribe had no money or a paid staff, but ideas were born that took years to grow, such as *The Chickasaw Foundation*. The Platt National Park was renamed 'Chickasaw' at our request. New businesses were formed such as Chickasaw Motor Inn. The Chickasaw Nation headquarters was moved to Ada. Mr. Perry also assisted in bringing the Carl Albert Hospital to Ada.

He devoted a long career as a chemical engineer in strategic business planning for a major oil company. Volunteering for early retirement, he became a certified team leader of hazards analyses and also consultant for various Indian tribes. Mr. Perry was asked (1989) to chair the Chickasaw Industrial Development Committee in a five-year search for business niches. He

was a consultant, three years for a New York City firm, finding emerging social & business trends. He assisted in providing visions to major financial institutions. Since moving to Ada in 2001, he has served as a volunteer on several Chickasaw boards.

Educational background: Mr. Perry is a graduate of Ada High School. He attended three years at East Central University. He received a BSChE Degree from Oklahoma State University, and graduate courses for MBA at the University of Houston.

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Perry is a trustee at Boiling Springs Methodist Church. He is a Legislature-confirmed Board Member of Chickasaw Historical Society and Council of Elders, appointed to Editorial Review Board of the Chickasaw Nation Press, an active member of three tribal organizations; writing articles

for the Chickasaw Times and the Journal of Chickasaw History & Culture. He enjoys volunteering at the Ada Senior Citizen Site.

Awards and honors: Eagle Scout. Ada High State Champion Football Team. Freshman Physics Award at East Central University. Registered Professional Chemical Engineer, Oklahoma & Texas. Authored eight U. S. patents. Native Writer's First Book Award for Prose. Red Earth, June 2006—took 2nd place in the five-kilometer run. Accepted Hall of Fame medal for Charles Carter, U. S. Congressman.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature: "In my early days with the tribe there was no money to spend. All we had was ideas, but our public meetings started in prayer. I have seen that with direction, teamwork and encouragement; the Chickasaw Nation has prospered...when in the same era public prayer in the

United States has been forsaken. I know of no culture in history that has risen to great heights and not later fallen. From my career in strategic planning and emerging trends, I know the best time to prepare for the valleys is standing on the hill looking ahead. We are at that point NOW. The next few years will be critical to instill pride and excitement in our youth, the people coming to work for the tribe, aspiring employees, even the elders in Senior Citizen sites. This is a big deal because it shows the underlying truth: volunteers can and must make a big difference. It takes a little direction, a little encouragement and much effort. We must show what it means to give back to the tribe so that it can remain strong another hundred years.

I have many new ideas on culture, education, and health; yet

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Norma Jean Cravatt-Prince



Norma Jean Cravatt-Prince

Name of candidate: Norma Jean Cravatt-Prince

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, seat 3

Background information: Mrs. Cravatt-Prince was born and raised in Pontotoc, Okla. She is the daughter of the late Gladys (Baby) Oleta Cravatt and Bill Tate. She is the granddaughter of original enrollee the late Fred and Leona (Okie Mama) Cravatt. She and her husband Sonny currently live on her family's original allotment where her grandparents, Fred and Leona Cravatt, raised her.

She has been involved with the Chickasaw Nation for over 13 years. She began working for the Chickasaw Nation as a CHR and was later promoted to coordinator of the CHRs. She recently retired in the position of resource coordinator with the Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging. She enjoys working, helping and listening to the Chickasaw people.

She was baptized at Blue Baptist Church, near Connerville, Okla., and still a current member.

Educational background: I graduated from Pontotoc High School and later attended Tulsa Vo-tech. I have completed many CHR trainings at O.S.U. and continuing education classes while at the Chickasaw Nation.

Civic and/or community activities: Connerville Chickasaw Community Council – member, president (1995); OAACHR Rep.; and National CHR Board

Awards and honors: I was named 1994 CHR of the Year and received Governor's Outstanding Employee Award in 1995.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature: I would like to continue being a

voice for the Chickasaw People and continue to serve in anyway that would be helpful. I have always tried to go over and above my job duties to serve Chickasaw people and will continue to do so. My goal is to work hard for the Chickasaw people everywhere. To make their voices heard through the legislature and throughout the Chickasaw Nation. I will work hard for the elderly programs, education, healthcare and other programs that are a benefit to you. The Chickasaw Nation is a wonderful and prosperous Nation. There are many programs implemented to benefit the Chickasaw people. But a lot of Chickasaw people don't know anything about these programs or how to contact the departments. There are elderly programs (the Caregiver Program, Chore Service, Home Maintenance, Senior Nutrition Sites, and Over-the-Counter Medications), healthcare programs (eye care, Diabetes Care Center, dental, pharmacy), education programs (clothing grants for school age children and college students, child care, Head Start, scholarships), housing, and a lot more. Use your Programs and Services

guide to call the department concerning these programs. For Chickasaws living outside the Chickasaw Nation boundaries there is a toll free At Large Help Number, 1-866-466-1481, call this number if you have questions. The person that answers the phone will answer your questions and/or connect you to the department that can help you. Ask questions, get answers. One of my goals is to keep the Chickasaw people informed. Let me know your concerns and I will voice them for you.

Name of spouse and children: Mrs. Cravatt-Prince and her husband George (Sonny) have been married for 29 years. She has six children, Teri (deceased), Steven, Kevin, Thomas, Michelle and Corey; 15 grandchildren; and six dogs.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: Most of my life has been involved with serving others, especially the Chickasaw people. I will listen to what the Chickasaw people have to say and put their words into action. The Chickasaw Nation has made tremendous progress over the last 13 years. Education, health, elders, and children have benefited from

the progress of the Chickasaw Nation and I want to help you benefit more. I want to be your voice. I want to voice your concerns, ask your questions and seek results for the Chickasaw people. I ask for your vote. But most of all I ask that you use your right to vote and mail your completed ballot as soon as you receive it. YOU are important. YOU do count. Voting is a way for YOU to be heard, to be counted and for YOU to make a difference. I urge you to cast your vote! Serving the Chickasaw people while working for the Chickasaw Nation was not just my job, it is my way of life. I want to continue serving you, the Chickasaw people, as your legislator of Pontotoc District. It is a great time to be Chickasaw. Being Chickasaw has no boundaries, we are Unconquered and Unconquerable.

I would be proud and honored to serve as your legislator of the Pontotoc District, seat 3. I would appreciate your support and your vote. Exercise your right and VOTE!

Thank you!

Russ Stick



Russ Stick

Name of candidate: Russ Stick

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 3

Background information: Mr. Stick is the son of the late Morris Stick and Sauna (Walker) Stick of Allen, Okla. He is the grandson of the late elder Vicy Walker of Kullihoma and the nephew of elder Pauline Walker. He was born at Allen and at-

tended Allen Public Schools. He graduated before entering the military in 1965. He attended OSU Tech in Oklahoma City and was employed at Western Electrical, GE, Honeywell Inf. System, ANR Freight System, retired from Roadway FRT System and was manager of a department store for 10 years.

Educational background: Mr. Stick graduated from Allen High School. He attended OSU Tech, Oklahoma City, Non-commissioned Officer Academy (military) at Ft. Carson, Colo. - Oklahoma City, Leadership School at Ft. Polk, La., and completed a 4-week Loss Prevention seminar.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: Establish more senior citizen center sites in the Chickasaw Nation. I am in full support of programs preserving the Chickasaw culture and language - especially educational programs for our youth and Head Start. I will be an advocate in building a monument for Chickasaw Veterans

and do more for our Chickasaw veterans. Expand transportation services and assistance for disabled Chickasaws under 60 years of age. I will work to increase the services for Chickasaw citizens, who reside out of state. Take a look at all programs for out-of-state citizens.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Stick and his wife, Martha, have been married for 10 years.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: *Chokma, Chikasha Hatak Lawa Okla, Kunia Moma Nana Apisa Ko Malili A Che. Ishno Ko Apela Subunna - Apela Chi Bunna Okma, Anako Simanoli Ashke*

First of all I would like to thank God for all his blessings and giving me my health, and hopefully be in a position to help the Indian people of the Chickasaw Nation. I would like to thank our elders for going through what they did, so someday we would have the opportunities we have today in the great Chickasaw Nation. Also, we can't forget

the veterans of this country for putting their lives on the line for us and fighting for our freedom - Thanks.

Working hard for everything we had, a family, which Chickasaw was our first language and English our second until we started attending public school. Then speaking our native language was forbidden. We Chickasaw students would communicate with each other on the sly - Thanks to our leadership we have today, we have many opportunities for education from Head Start to our elders.

I know how it is to do without and can't get assistance because the lack of programs to help Chickasaw people. Back then if you were less fortunate or didn't have as much, you didn't fit in the group. I always thought as a young man, someday if I were ever in a position to help the Indian people that is exactly what I would do.

I learned from early on, that I always had the desire to help people anyway I could, and it

didn't make any difference who it was, and not expect anything in return.

Again, today the Chickasaw Nation has so many programs available to the tribe. Not taking anything from that, I see where there are still issues that need to be addressed in different programs having working in transportation, I had the opportunity to visit with many Indians while transporting them to different facilities. Lack of information, transportation, patients, waiting time at Carl Albert Hospital to see a doctor and receiving their medication.

Address the problem with the storm shelters - shelters need to be more user friendly for our elders and handicapped Chickasaws in wheelchairs or anyone that has to use shelters. Modify shelters that are already installed so people can use them.

If elected as your next leg-

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Dr. Debra D. Vaughn



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Name of candidate: Dr. Debra D. Vaughn

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 3

Background information: Dr. Vaughn is the great-granddaughter and granddaughter of original enrollees Willie Colbert and Thanet Colbert Jopling Thompson, and is a descendant of James Logan Colbert (1721-1784). She is the daughter of E.W. "Punkin" Thompson, Jr. and Rebecca Thompson, and

grew up in the Chickasaw Nation where her family farmed along the Washita River. As a youngster, she learned the meaning of hard work and went on to complete her education while working full-time and raising a family. She fondly remembers participating in the annual Chickasaw Festivals in Tishomingo and those held in earlier days under the brush arbors at Seeley Chapel.

Educational background: Dr. Vaughn holds a Doctorate of Education from Oklahoma State University, two Master's of Education and a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science in History and Health Education, from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She entered college as a first-generation, adult student while serving Chickasaw students as a Johnson-O'Malley Indian Education Coordinator. Her work experiences include the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the University of Oklahoma American Indian Institute (B.I.A.-Office of Indian Education Improvement Grant) and Health Promotion Programs

(I.H.S. contracted trainings.); and grants including TRIO and AMERICORP. She has also worked in business and industry contracts with General Motors/UAW Local 1999, at the Oklahoma City production plant. As director of the Oklahoma City Community College Career and Student Employment Division, Debra works with the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission and Workforce Oklahoma, and understands the great importance of good-paying jobs for Chickasaws.

Civic and/or community activities: Dr. Vaughn is a life-long participant in Native American school, university and community organizations. From her high school days in the Indian Student Club to serving on the University of Oklahoma "Planning Circle" which presented Native American, Alaska Native and Canadian First Nations Health Conferences and Trainings, including the National Native Diabetes Prevention Conference, to the Purcell, Oklahoma Chickasaw Community Council...these have been her primary associa-

tions. She has also volunteered with Red Earth, the Salvation Army, Special Olympics, and the OCCC Native American Student Association (NASA).

Awards and honors: Dr. Vaughn feels that her greatest honor in-service to her tribe, has been her participation in the Chickasaw Nation's "United We Thrive" TV campaign in-which she spoke on her professional background in health, business and educational initiatives. She has also been recognized by Murray State College as the History Student of the Year; graduated Cum Laude from S.O.S.U.; and received U.S. Department of Education recognition for her work with first-generation college students in Oklahoma.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: Protection of Tribal Sovereignty: Chickasaws must walk the halls in Washington, D.C. and our Oklahoma State Capitol ensuring our presence "at the table" concerning legislation that impacts our future; Protection of Chickasaw Natural Resources: We must safeguard the doctrines of Indian law to protect

our natural resources including water and mineral rights; Health Care: Fully staffed and supplied programs for prenatal through Elder care age populations including diabetes, nutrition, mental health, counseling and prescription drugs. We should always plan ahead, and continue our efforts toward self-sufficiency to meet these critical needs; Elder Care: Our precious Elders deserve services that enhance their quality of life. Thank you Elders for your leadership, wisdom and courage. Jobs: Chickasaw people want and deserve good-paying jobs. Future economic development, self-determination, diversification and expansion are critical to creating these employment opportunities; Education: Chickasaws of all ages need educational tools, scholarships and programs to ensure and advance their personal and tribal success in the twenty-first century; Housing: Housing enables our Chickasaw people to care for their families in a safe

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ballet. She will begin school this fall at Francis.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *I have been a candidate for the Chickasaw legislative seat for the last three tribal elections. I am a person of integrity believing strongly in what I do, what I have to offer, and what I stand for: The Chickasaw people. In spite of losing the past three elections, I continued to support my three opponents because of my belief in unity among the Nation. However, I am less than satisfied with the progress that has been made on behalf of the Chickasaw people. I personally have several family members living outside the borders of the Chickasaw Nation that do not have the same benefits offered to those living in the immediate area. When conversing with them as well as other members of the Nation, they repeatedly indicate that the only time the*

Nation is genuinely interested in their participation is during the election. This perception has to change which is why I want to assist you in everyway possible! My ideas have encouraged me to set goals, which I believe are realistic and can be achieved with your support.

Among the list of my priorities, first I would like to see an insurance policy provided to members living outside the Chickasaw Nation boundaries. Those of us living in the immediate area are fortunate to have hospital access and receive excellent health care and dental services. I would like to see the same benefits offered for all of our members! This should not be a privilege, it is a right! A portion of the revenue we make from our gambling casinos could be set aside investments such as this.

Second, many people have asked my opinion on per cap-

ita payments. Personally, I feel that the various tribal groups throughout the country that share earnings with their members is most often rewarding and has positive effects. Our Nation claims that it would take away from our health care and educational programs. I do not agree with this theory. The majority of our Nations programs are awarded through state and federal grants.

For those of you living outside the Nation's boundaries it can be remarkable different than what we experience here. I witness continual development, e.g., new buildings for almost every department in the Nation. I am aware that we are growing but it concerns me just the same.

Could we not use a percentage of this money more wisely to better serve our fellowman?

One thing I am going to do is donate \$84,000 I would receive for serving on the legislative board for two years to programs that would benefit Chickasaws. I'm asking Chickasaw people their opinions where this money would best serve the nation as a whole. I always felt that education is a top priority, but I want this to go where it will serve us the most.

I encourage all of those who are inspired by what I say to encourage others to vote. I have spoken to many that have said they are behind me and want to see me win this, but didn't vote. We all need to take part

in voting our representatives in office. There are people out there with lots of concerns that are not voting. People who are concerned about the way things are going need to get out and listen to what the candidates are offering and make a decision and an effort to vote. I am proud to be Chickasaw and hope that others feel the same to be part of something so great, thank you to all the people who have stood behind my walk and believe in what I'm trying to accomplish. God bless all of you! For more information regarding Allison and his legislative run visit www.heathallison.com or email heath_allison@yahoo.com. Home telephone (580) 436-5039.

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torical Society – Board of Directors, Cultural Committee Chair; Chickasaw Nation Head Start Policy Council – member; Chickasaw Nation Repatriation Committee – member; Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe – member; Chickasaw Nation Stickball Team, member; Ada Kiwanis summer t-ball league – assistant coach; University of Oklahoma's American Indian Alumni – Board of Directors, president (05-06); North American Indigenous Games – Team Oklahoma Committee Member; Board of Visitors for the University of Oklahoma's Native American Studies program – member; Oklahoma Bar Association – member, secretary of Indian Law Section; Chickasaw Bar Association – charter member, chair; Oklahoma Indian Bar Association – member; National Museum of the American Indian – charter member.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature: As a member of the Chickasaw Legislature, I will focus on the following goals:

Consulting the people and involving them.

Recognize the strength of the Chickasaw Nation is in the Chickasaw people.

Increase citizen par-

ticipation, consultation and community development.

Preserving and promoting Chickasaw culture and heritage.

Increase appreciation and knowledge of Chickasaw heritage.

Preserve and promote Chickasaw language.

Promote Chickasaw arts.

Protecting the sovereign rights of the Chickasaw Nation.

Expand the knowledge base of citizens on the sovereign rights of the Chickasaw Nation.

Coordinate efforts with other governmental leaders.

Improving and expanding governmental services.

Continue the improvement and expansion of services and programs equally to all citizens.

Supporting further development of Chickasaw economies.

Support the creation of employment opportunities for Chickasaw citizens.

Support the diversification of business ventures.

Support the creation of training programs for existing government jobs/programs.

Name of spouse and chil-

dren: Mr. Morgan and his wife, Candessa, have been married for six years. Candessa is an adjunct instructor at East Central University and a doctoral student in the University of Oklahoma's Linguistic Anthropology Department. The couple has two daughters, Jolie, 5, who attends Homer Elementary School, and Kelsey, 3, who attends Chickasaw Nation Head Start.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People:

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From my start in high school as a summer youth worker, through my college years of working in the Governor's office, the finance department, the Northwest Regional Office located in Purcell and the Ambassador's Office in Washington, D.C., to my return to the Nation after law school to serve as an in-house attorney in both the Justice Department and the Office of the Gaming Commissioner, I have always strived to help better the Chickasaw Nation so that it may in turn serve our people better. I would be honored to serve as your representative and would sincerely appreciate your vote. For more information, please see my website at:

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personal visits, e-mails, phone calls and my website. Consider it as on-going talks. As your legislator I must understand your needs and desires in order to represent you.

Name of Spouse and Children: Mrs. Colbert-Hall is married to Mike Hall and they have four children and three grandchildren. Son Vaughn and wife Shana, grandson Tripp Hall of Shawnee; son Michael and wife Kristal, grandson Cash Hall of Allen, Texas; son Daniel Cabo, Ada; and daughter Dustie and husband Josh Alm, Pontotoc, and the family's newest addition, two-week old granddaughter Kaytlin Alm.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: *"It is with great joy that I have served you over the years in my capacity as press secretary and I've been humbled by it. I now wish to serve as your legislator. Times are changing and so the Tribe. Who would have guessed twenty years ago the magnitude of growth, the businesses we have, a court system, police*

division and the building of a new hospital. We must be proud. You'll read promises from every candidate regarding their pledge to do this or that in education, jobs, health care, even payments to Chickasaws. We all want these things and more. How to get it is a question of direction and decision that you must make and in turn as your legislator I'll make on your behalf. When it comes to experience and abilities, I'm uniquely qualified to represent you. Let's talk... and keep talking! After all, without the people called Chickasaw, there would be no Chickasaw Nation, no flag flying high, no new buildings, no services, there would be nothing at all. Serving you is not a job performed at random. It's a directive dictated by you and I shall do so with compassion and sensibility in all areas. I'm honored to be Chickasaw, a Colbert, and love the Chickasaw people. That's why I'm asking for your vote. I'm uniquely qualified and ready to serve you."

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and granddaughter, Prairie.

Awards and honors: Ms. Lunsford was awarded the first Volunteer of the Year from the Chickasaw Historical Society; selected to attend the National Indian Women's Resource Center Mentor conference as a finalist from all over the United States; first woman chairperson of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission (1980 – 1982); National Indian Health Service award 1985; Nominee of the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame, 1986; Indian Health Service Award of the Oklahoma City area, 1991; One of her greatest honors is that God blessed her with four healthy children, now all grown with families of their own.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: My goal is to continue the excellent services we have for Chickasaw citizens and be able to expand services to those families outside of our tribal boundaries.

- I will be a strong advocate for health care. I was the administrator of our two health clinics when we received the JCAHO accreditation with commendation. I know how important and necessary our health care system is as I utilize our healthcare and am very proud of our clinics and hospital. Beginning October 1, 2006 we are now able to provide more services outside the tribal boundaries, such as prescriptions, burial assistance, housing and children clothing and several education programs.

- I am proud of our higher education scholarship program. I was fortunate to implement the East Central University Chickasaw scholarship program located

on the campus of the university. We have been able to provide education scholarships for some time and I will work to provide more assistance to our students for needed supplies.

- I have been an advocate for the aging services and have served on a national level to make agencies aware of our need to assist the senior citizens. A recent survey revealed that our senior's first choice was to have assisted living centers, and I will support their choice.

- I will support our economic development enterprises for I have seen the results and benefits for all citizens from monies for programs and services. I support services for our families living outside the tribal boundaries and will work toward this goal.

- I will work to retain our culture, traditions and language and to support programs to expand them. It is my goal to see that new programs and services being developed are offered to our families outside the tribal boundaries.

- I am proud of our judicial system as we excel among other tribes in the United States. I will never forget that our tribal sovereignty must remain a priority.

Name of spouse and children: Ms. Lunsford has four children, Steve (director at Chickasaw Housing), Robby (self-employed), Kelley (director of Chickasaw Nation Museums, Archives & Library), and Shawn (self-employed). She has five grandsons and one granddaughter.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: *I am a person that has always set goals*

for myself. Working 25 years for the Chickasaw Nation, I have set and completed numerous goals to accomplish the work needed to be done. I was the health director when we built the Ardmore Clinic because I saw the need for health services in that area. During this time we were surveyed by the JCAHO and received accreditation with accommodations.

- *When I began working for our transportation services, I set a goal to work towards a dialysis center. There is now a new dialysis center located in Ada.*

- *And again I have set goals for myself, if you will allow me*

to be your legislator. I have the experience and knowledge and will continue in that capacity as a tribal legislator.

- *I know how all of our programs operate, how budgets are formulated and what it takes to implement programs. I understand the importance of protecting our federal and tribal funds and being careful how they are spent.*

- *I can and will be a full-time legislator. My heart is with the service to the Chickasaw people. I will always seek the citizen's voice and represent your views. Raising a family of four children in our family, I know how impor-*

tant it is working together to get the job done, and I will do that as your Chickasaw legislator.

Many of the Chickasaw people I have met and worked with in education, health, and other programs, now I humbly ask for your vote, that I may continue to serve and work for you the Chickasaw people. Should I not have the time to meet you or speak to you on the phone, I want you to know that it will be an honor for me to work and represent you in seat #3 of the Pontotoc District as your legislator.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Lunsford

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my ideas, or those of any citizen or employee...are nothing without consensus. I don't want to discourage anyone, but new ideas should be treated as newborns. Ideas must be described in writing, even if we together write this. Then, if worthy for more effort; the idea is weighed and measured by the experts against costs and regulations. Our tribe also promotes ideas that fit with Chickasaw culture and tradition. All this takes effort. Not handled right or taking too long; the need may have passed, before the Legislature can vote on the bill. Legislators add vision and scope to make laws with long life. What I see are tribal employees working long hours, trying to squeeze extra time for another new idea, then switching directions. Doers and Dreamers are already in conflict. In striving to get quality results, new employees are being added. They may only

take a little more effort to train right, but difficult in a flood of ideas that need more work. Your new ideas are invited, but the real challenge before our tribe is how to manage ideas more smoothly. This is UNITY and why, as a new legislator, I want to work NOW with the Executive Department. With my broad background with the tribe and industry both as an idea-man and one who gets results; I believe that with God's help and direction, we can hit the ground running and contribute in all areas from culture to education and health."

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Perry is married to Faye. She has a great heart for Indian People. Daughter Robyn with a MFA from NYU has just moved with her artist husband and three gifted children to Brooklyn, N.Y. Daughter Rebecca, PhD, does educational

research in math & science on an NSF grant in Oakland, California. My mother, Sophia Perry, lives on the allotted land in Stonewall.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *I come from a long line of people who served the Chickasaw Nation. My grandmother was Sophia Frye Steerman. Her great-grandpa was Chickasaw Governor Cyrus Harris. Sophia was raised by the parents of Charles Carter, a U. S. Congressman for twenty years. As a Bloomfield valedictorian, my grandmother's sage advice was to get a good education. Then, we give back to the tribe so it remains great. My advice is pray, then vote. I want to be your Legislator, but I will need your input. We will only remain a strong nation if we are united in our vision. Thank you for your consideration.*

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islator, I will support all the programs in place and put into action ideas for the benefit of all Chickasaws not just the people that reside in the Chickasaw Nation, but Chickasaws that live out of state, no Chickasaw should be left out especially getting information to people out of state.

I promise to work hard for you to get things done that will be helpful to you.

As your legislator I will keep in contact with you and keep you informed and find out your needs or what you would like done. I'm a strong believer in

not forgetting where I came from and most importantly I can't and won't forget the people that got me there, to speak for the people.

If elected, I don't want any special privileges just because I'm your legislator, I'm just like any other Chickasaw citizen. Just, here to serve and help you, because you trusted and believed in me. God bless everyone and I truly would appreciate your vote.

Proud Chickasaw,

Russ Stick

"Chikasha Isht Ayukpa – Yakoke"

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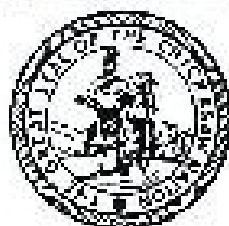
and comfortable environment and assists the preservation of Tribal Culture and History. Dr. Vaughn would also work for Chickasaw Language Classes on the Internet and through distance education venues.

Name of spouse and children: Dr. Vaughn's two daughters and sons-in-law are graduates of the University of Oklahoma. She has one grandson.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: *Our current tribal strengths and success are*

directly attributable to those who have come before us and fought for the opportunities we have today. I honor them for their sacrifices, and pledge my steadfast service to Chickasaws living both in and out of the Nation. We must be vigilant and watchful of those that threaten or do not understand our unique tribal sovereignty, and seek to limit us as a tribe. The health, education, employment and economic futures of our citizens share equally in importance.

Our Chickasaw language and preservation of cultural heritage must not be lost. I will bring my local, state and national tribal work experience from across Indian Country, to my legislative service. I respectfully ask for your vote and thank you for your support. Chukmashki, Debra D. Vaughn. PO Box 1384, Purcell, OK 73080; Phone, 405-229-8944; E-mail, votevaughn@hotmail.com).



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Bill Anoatubby
Governor

Application for:

- ☐ Voter Registration
☐ Citizenship
☐ Change of Address
☐ Abstain from Voting

Application for Citizenship/Voter Registration in the Chickasaw Nation

Last Name First Name Middle Maiden Social Security Number

Mailing Address (Street, Box, Route) City County State Zip Code

Date of Birth Sex Degree of Blood Issuing Agency

Do you possess Indian blood of another tribe? If yes, what tribe(s)?

Do you wish to have your Social Security number printed on your citizenship card? ☐ Yes ☐ No

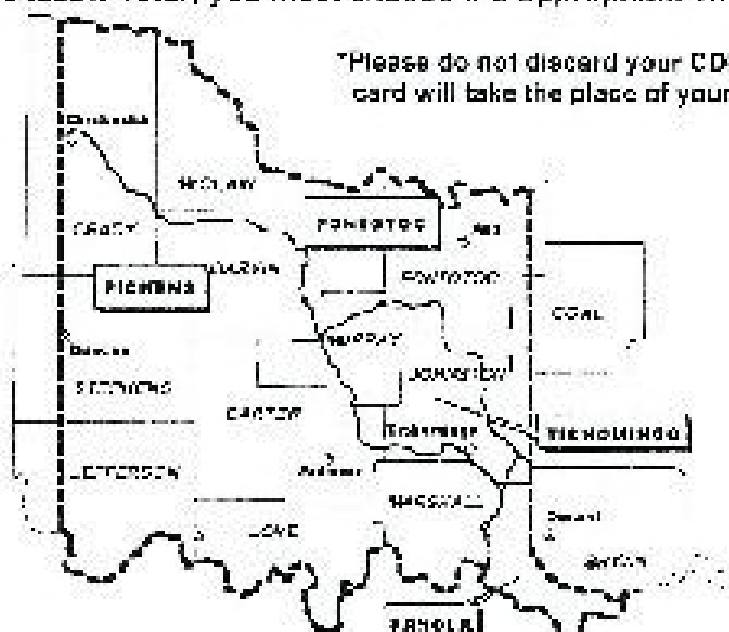
If you are applying for a citizenship card, please attach a current color photograph (passport, Polaroid or professional photographs are appropriate). Photographs must be in color and no smaller than 1 1/2" by 1 1/2".

If you are 18 or over and wish to register as a Chickasaw voter, you must choose the appropriate voting district below.

If you live **INSIDE** the Chickasaw Nation,
mark the district in which you reside.

If you live **OUTSIDE** the Chickasaw Nation,
you must mark the district of your choice.

- ☐ Pontotoc District No. 1
☐ Pickens District No. 2
☐ Panola District No. 3
☐ Tishomingo District No. 4



*Please do not discard your CDIB card. The citizenship card will take the place of your voter card.

I am a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation as defined in the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation and Title 2, Section 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Code. I understand that false or erroneous information can cause loss of citizenship.

YOUR SIGNATURE REQUIRED Indicate relationship if other than applicant Daytime Phone No. Date
(Parent/legal guardian must sign for minors/wards)

OFFICE USE ONLY

Confirmation

Authorizing Signature

CDIB Number

Date

Form No. 204 10-1-4 Rev. 5/2005

How to make sure your ballot is counted

Make sure you sign your name in cursive, using an ink pen (NO PENCIL on your signature), **EXACTLY** the way it is written on the envelope, or it will not be counted.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM A CITIZEN OF THE CHICKASAW NATION AND THAT I AM ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE CHICKASAW TRIBAL ELECTION FOR THE CANDIDATES HEREIN MARKED. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I MARKED THE ENCLOSED BALLOT IN SECRET.

John D. Doe
VOTER'S SIGNATURE

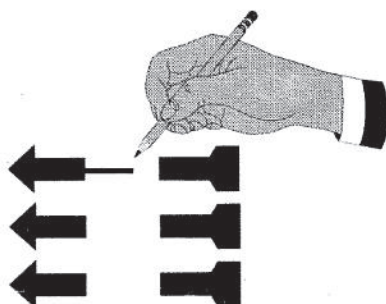
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CORRECT:

You must find the name of the candidate you wish to vote for and **complete the arrow** directly across from their name by using a pencil. (NO INK)

DO NOT circle, underline, put an X or check mark any of the candidate's names or it will not be counted!



Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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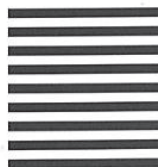
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THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2006 SPECIAL ELECTION SCHEDULE PONTOTOC DISTRICT, SEAT 3

September 25: Mail Special Election Notice postcards (Pontotoc District)
October 11-13: Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
October 16: Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times"; by 12 noon.
Press release for candidates (news/media)
October 17: Voter Registration closes
Challenge to Candidacy ends
October 18: Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.
October 23: Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.
November 8: Last day to appoint a watcher.
November 14: Last day to return ballots (no later than 10:30 a.m.)
2006 Special Election, Pontotoc District, Seat 3
Ballot tabulation begins at 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
Voter registration re-opens, if no run-off election.
November 17: Recount period ends.
November 20: Oath of Office Ceremony (1:30 p.m. at the headquarters lg. conf. rm.)

THE CHICKASAW NATION 2006 SPECIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE (IF NEEDED)

November 20: Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.
Ballots mailed to all qualified voters for run-off election district(s).
December 6: Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.
December 12: Last day to return ballots (no later than 10:30 a.m.)
2006 Special Run-Off Election, Pontotoc District, Seat 3
Ballot tabulation begins at 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
Voter registration re-opens
December 15: Recount period ends.
December 18: Oath of Office ceremony (1:30 p.m. at the headquarters lg. conf. rm.)

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Your Name (Print Please)

Last _____ First _____
Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year Maiden Name _____
(Old Address)

Street _____ City & Zip _____
(New Address)

Street _____
City & Zip _____ Phone No. _____
Sign Here _____ Date _____

Form no. 580 Election Commission 6/2005

